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Art unit 3672
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**Claim amendment**

The amendment to claim 1 is supported in the disclosure at paragraph 1, lines 6-8, and paragraph 6, lines 8-11 and Fig. 1. The amendment is intended to emphasize that the claimed invention is for rigs, whether service or workover rigs, that are supported by a carrier when in operation, and suspended over a well at an angle to the vertical. These rigs are not typically designed for carrying the torque generated by a top drive. The amendments to claims 2-4 are consequential to the amendment of claim 1. Claims 5-10 are cancelled as redundant in view of the amendment of claim 1.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Berry. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The mast of Berry is not supported at an angle over a well, and is not attached to its transport carrier. Rather, the mast of Berry is supported vertically on the substructure. This is different from and does not suggest or render obvious what is claimed in claims 1-4.

Claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sizer. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The mast of Sizer is not supported at an angle over a well, and is not attached to its transport carrier. Rather, the mast of Sizer is supported vertically over the well. The brace 185 of Sizer is attached to the mast, rather than the substructure of a well. This is different from and does not suggest or render obvious what is claimed in claims 1-4.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims, is respectfully requested. Respectfully submitted, and certified as being faxed to the USPTO on

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